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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

PAULISTA et al.

Group Art Unit: 163

Serial No. 09/297,092

Examiner: C. Stroup

Filed: May 18, 1999

Atty. Docket No. 100564-9010

For: COMPOUNDS WITH IMPROVED CARTILAGE-INDUCING AND/OR  
BONE-INDUCING ACTIVITY

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 17, 2001

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated January 17, 2001, the period for response having been extended to May 17, 2001, with the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 14-16 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter.

Please amend claims 17, 21 and 24-26 as follows: